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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF RHODESIAN CONSULTATION

1. PER TARNOFF-SPIEGEL TELECON, FOLLOWING IS TEXT
OF ANNOUNCEMENT DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE AT 1430Z (1030 EDT)
PROVIDED CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED FROM BRITISH
EMBASSY HERE THAT DR. OWEN HAS RECEIVED MINISTERIAL
APPROVAL TO MAKE HIS PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT AT THAT
TIME. WE HAVE VERIFIED TEXT WITH EMBASSY AND FIND IT
IDENTICAL IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CYRUS VANCE, AND THE
BRITISH FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY, DR. DAVID OWEN,
HAVE CONSIDERED THE PROBLEM OF RHODESIA IN THE LIGHT
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OF THE LATTER'S TRIP TO AFRICA. BOTH GOVERNMENTS
WISH TO REITERATE THEIR COMMON DETERMINATION TO WORK FOR
THE INDEPENDENCE OF RHODESIA UNDER MAJORITY RULE IN
1978. THEY HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THEIR CONTACTS
SO FAR TO BELIEVE THAT DETAILED CONSULTATIONS ABOUT AN
INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND THE NECESSARY TRANSITIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE A SATISFACTORY WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS.

THEY HAVE, THEREFORE, AGREED THAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED

STATES SHOULD NOW ENTER INTO A PHASE OF INTENSIVE
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES. FOR THIS PURPOSE,
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH
A CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE PARTIES
WHICH WILL VISIT THE AREA AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING
SALISBURY. IT WILL BE HEADED BY MR. J.A.N. GRAHAM,
DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE. MR.VANCE HAS AGREED TO APPOINT A SENIOR
UNITED STATES OFFICIAL TO WORK WITH THE HEAD OF THE
BRITISH CONSULTATIVE GROUP. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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